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Keep it before the People.

The following resolution, adopted at the State Temperance Convention, which convened in Columbus, O., on the 5th inst., should not be lost sight of by the temperance men in our State:

Resolved, That a general and systematic support of the TEMPERANCE PRESS of Ohio, is indispensable to our success."

TO AGENTS.

Those who have sent us clubs, may continue to add single subscribers to them during the year, at the club price. We request all sending us subscribers to write in plain style the name, address, &c.

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Great Temperance Convention, 22d February.

The friends of Temperance, of Hamilton County, will remember the Grand Demonstration which is to be held at Foster's Hall, corner 5th and Walnut sts., Cin., on the 22d of February, the ever-memorable birth day of the Father of our Country.

Friends, let us have a glorious meeting together, upon this occasion—one worthy the hallowed day and our glorious cause. Let each township call meetings and nominate her delegates forthwith, if it is not already done. We want every township to send in a delegation that will show conclusively that she is with us in our efforts to disintegrate our beloved State from the blasting influence of the liquor traffic. Come up to our aid, then, *en masse*, and we will have a rallying that will tell upon the destiny of our glorious cause.

An evening meeting will be held at WESLEY CHAPEL, 5th street, between Sycamore and Broadway, when WILLIAM T. COGGESHALL will deliver a lecture on "The Aspect of Temperance Reform in relation to the Past and the Future."

GEN. S. F. CARY and other gentlemen will also speak. A grand rally is anticipated.

Original Poetry.

We are indebted to Miss SARAH W. LIVERMORE, for a sparkling gem of poetry, entitled "KING ALCOHOL," which will be found on another page. We hope she will frequently favor us with her contributions.

We refer our readers to the interesting correspondence from our friends, in this No., and particularly to the letter of Bro. Kreider, of Lancaster, O., as such facts are wanting at the present crisis. These are "stubborn things."

Our paper, through the instrumentality of its friends, is beginning to exert a most salutary influence in our city. We have a club of forty from the laborers in Mr. Powell's Foundry, and seventeen from Greenwood & Co.'s. This speaks volumes for the proprietors and the character of those under their employ. A. F. Garoute also has a club of fifteen left at his Feed Store, on Sycamore street. We hear of others who are making up clubs, and we hope their example will be followed by others still, until our paper finds its way into every portion of our city.

Anti-Bible Convention.

The "English liberals" and "German Turners," who celebrate the birth day of the profligate Paine, are not the only individuals who repudiate the Bible as a God given rule of faith and practice.

A mongrel group of land reformers, spirit rappers, seers, &c., &c.; recently held a convention at Salem, Columbiana county, to express their decided disapprobation of the Gospel. During the three days and evenings of their session, they forever settled the question in their own opinion, that the Bible was a great humbug, and passed the following among other resolutions of the same character:

Resolved, That the Bible itself bears no sure sign of a divine or supernatural origin, but on the contrary carries on its very face the marks of human imperfection and error.

Resolved, That the Bible, therefore, is not a book of divine authority—that its testimony is not decisive as to the truth or falsehood of any principle, or the goodness or badness of any practice.

Resolved, That the prevailing notion or belief that the Bible is a book of divine authority, the belief that it is a perfect rule of faith and practice, that every thing that it teaches is true, and every thing which it enjoins and sanctions is right and good, and that we need no other guide to truth and duty, is not only altogether erroneous but exceedingly mischievous.

Resolved, That man has an infallible rule of life, on the knowledge of which depends the progress, perfection and happiness of his nature, in all states of his existence.

Resolved, That the rule is found not in the Bible, the Coran, the Shaster, nor in any other supposed arbitrary revelation but is engraven on the nature of each human being by the hand of the Creator.

Hobbs, Leibuits, Volney, Voltairz, Tom Paine and others of a former generation, assailed the christian system, but it stood the shock, and the Bible still occupies a place in the houses and the hearts of the great and good. Churches continue to be built, and devout and humble worshippers still cling to the cross of Christ, and make "his word their meditation day and night." Andrew Jackson Davis, Joel Tiffany, L. A. Hine, and all the rest of the Salem Convention will probably pass away and "the Rock of Ages still stand." Within the last week we stood beside the dying couch of a believer in the Bible and one who trusted in the christian's Saviour. Although he had for more than a year suffered the most intense pain and was in his dying hour, writhing under excruciating bodily anguish, with his ghastly eyes looking upward he said, "I am in a perfect sea of pleasure." Ten thousand times ten thousand have given their living and their dying testimony to the truth of the word, and to the promises and hopes of the Gospel. While this continues to be the case, infidels may rage in vain. Well has the poet said:

"Let all the heathen writers join
To form one perfect book;
Great God! when once compared to thine
How mean their writings look!"

Not the most perfect rules they gave
Could show one sin forgiven, nor lead
A step beyond the grave; but thine
Conduct to heaven.

Paine's "Age of Reason," "Volney's Ruins," "Hine's Progressive Pamphlets," and "A. J. Davis's Revelations," will hardly supplant the Bible, or shake any christian's confidence in the old and new Testament. We will not descend to the silly work of analysing the resolutions quoted above.

What miserable, contemptible twaddle to assert, that "there is engraven on the nature of every human being an infallible rule of life on the knowledge of which depends the progress, perfection and happiness of his nature."

What "progress, perfection or happiness" has ever been found any where in savage or civilized life, where the holy precepts and pure teachings of the Bible have been unknown? Without recognizing this as the only rule of faith and practice, what has been the condition of all nations? "Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness, full of envy, deceit, murder, debate, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implorable, unmerciful."

This is a Bible description, and it is a true one.

Christ's sermon on the Mount, contains more pure and perfect instruction than all the works of infidels, from that day to this. All the valuable rules and lessons of morality, progress, perfection and happiness, they have ever published or taught, they have *stolen from the Bible*. Some of our readers may be disposed to ask why we say so much upon this subject in a *Temperance paper*. We answer, because temperance is a christian grace, a Bible doctrine. The Bible is the corner stone, the top stone, the whole structure of our noble reform. Take away the Bible, or destroy confidence in it as a Divine Revelation, as the only infallible rule of faith and practice, and our labors are vain, our efforts useless, and our very hopes of success forever blasted.

Our ruined race can only be elevated and restored by the Gospel, and we shall resist with all our power every effort made to throw doubt upon its heavenly conception.

"Should all the forms that men devise
Assault my faith, with treacherous art,
I'd call them vanity and lies,
And bind the Gospel to my heart."

New Ritual.

The proof sheets of the New Ritual of the Sons of Temperance are in the hands of the committee. It has been tried in several places, and it is spoken of in the highest terms by those who have seen it. The Chairman of the Committee is receiving letters of inquiry daily in regard to its present state, and the time of its probable promulgation. The brethren must be patient. The Committee are fully aware of the anxiety to get the new work, and they will suffer no unnecessary delay in the performance of their duties. They are anxious to perfect every part, and time and labor are indispensable to do this. We say again to the brethren, be patient.

Outrage on Liberty!!

We see it announced in an exchange paper, that "a whole car load of putrid meat, on its way to market, has been seized in New York." What an abominable and *unconstitutional* outrage upon the rights of the citizen! Has not a man in this free country a right to sell what he pleases, provided he can find purchasers? We hope this abused and persecuted citizen who was thus summarily deprived of his property, will contrive by some means to get his case before his Honor Judge Curtis, of the Supreme Court of the United States, who will see his wrongs redressed. He was, probably, "a citizen of another State," New Jersey, perhaps, and his meat was possibly only "in transitu." If these are the facts, and if, in addition, it should appear that he had not "the right of trial by jury," before his stinking cargo was condemned, a right sacredly guaranteed by the Constitution, then his case is a complete one, and parallel to the one recently decided in R. Island. Oh! civil liberty, whither hast thou fled! We wonder if such "tyrannical acts" will not create a civil war! Will our butchers tamely and quietly submit to such flagrant invasions of their sacred and inalienable rights? If the seizure had been a car-load of bad liquor, it would have been resisted, and the constitutional question would have been discussed by able counsel, and decided by impartial judges. Will not that large and respectable class of fellow-citizens who are interested in the sale of meats, raise a purse and employ lawyers to have this matter fairly presented and fully decided?

The pretence urged for this seizure of property was, that the "public health" would be put in jeopardy. A class of crazy fanatics assert that no individual has a right to sell any article, which will endanger the health and life, corrupt the public morals, or peril the public peace, and we suppose some of this obnoxious class of zealots have been trampling upon the "blood-bought privileges" of this citizen. Our Fathers declared that all men have an inalienable right to "the pursuit of happiness;" and yet, in the face of this sacred declaration, a law is enacted and enforced, to stop a man on his road to market! This case ought to be brought before our National Judiciary.

A Sign of the Times.

No temperance paper in Ohio has ever had anything like the present circulation of our Organ. They are coming up manfully from almost every part of the State, and giving us their names and money, and saying to us, give us light as to our duty in this crisis of the reform.

Just in proportion as the number of anxious inquirers multiply, will truth triumph. We are not yet satisfied. We want more readers.

Glorious News from Michigan.

The Maine Liquor Law passed the Legislature of this State on the 10th inst., and is to be submitted to the people at a special election in July of this year.